

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 118**

January 30, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes dental assistants to administer nitrous oxide when under the direct supervision of a licensed and registered dentist.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-5-107 (c)(4), a registered dental hygienist may currently administer nitrous oxide but a dental assistant may not.
- Authorizing dental assistants, under the direct supervision of a dentist to administer nitrous oxide will have no significant impact on the oversight and licensing responsibilities of the Board of Dentistry.
- The Board can establish any necessary rules during regularly scheduled board meetings and within its existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had closing balances of \$825,962 in FY12-13, \$220,760 in FY13-14, and cumulative reserve balance of \$3,717,680 on June 30, 2014.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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